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Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association

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YOUR Community Association

The Newsletter for YOUR

Community

November 2004

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING North Toronto Memorial Community Centre 7:30 pm. Monday November 22, 2004

TAKE NOTICE that the annual general meeting of the members of the Avenue Road-Eglinton Community Association will take place at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2004 for the following purposes:

* Election of Directors and Approval of financial statements.

* Discussion and consideration of any other business or issue raised at the meeting.

In addition to its regular activities the Association has representation on a number of Boards and Committees and needs to increase the number of active directors and/or committee members to fulfill all of its functions

(including Arena Board, Community Police Liaison Committee 53 Division, Community Centre Advisory Council, CORRA, FoNTRA and others). INTERESTED RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AS DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Directors' meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, excluding July and August.

Members are entitled to vote by written proxies submitted to the Secretary of the meeting. Nominations for directors must be in writing, submitted on or before November 15, 2004 to the Secretary, Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o 504 Castlefield Avenue, Toronto, M5N 1L6

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

7:30 pm. Mon. Nov 22, 2004

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of 2003 Annual General Meeting
3. Financial Report
4. Election of Directors
5. Introduction of Special Guests
Introductions & Presentations:
City Councillor Karen Stintz
MPP Mike Colle
M.P. Joe Volpe (invited)
Anna Convertini, Principal
Marshall McLuhan H.S.
Constable Rick Langstone
53 Division, Toronto Police
Community Centre Recreationist (TBA)
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

53 Division - Toronto Police has new and larger boundaries!

ARECA is in zone "531" and like the other 3 zones within the Division, is continuously patrolled by 2 patrol cars. Staffing for 53 Division has returned to an old level however, the boundaries have greatly increased. *As a result, response times appear to be on the increase.*

53 Division's Constable Rick Langstone will be at our Annual Meeting.

** Meet our new Crime Prevention Officer*

** Learn how 53 Division has expanded its boundary.*

** Hear about crime in our area and the response time you might expect.*

**Have Concerns?
Want to be More Involved in Your Community?
Participate in and Support Your Community Association!
See You November 22!!!**

Visit ARECA on the WEB!

**ARECA has launched its Web Site www.areca.info
email:information@areca.info**

Report from the President Jim Baker

The past year for ARECA has been active on various fronts. With many new Directors there was renewed enthusiasm along with a shared desire to reconnect with various organizations within and serving our community. Included in this list is representation on the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board (**Gillian Jagasia**); Community Police Liaison Committee (**Andrew Sabbadini**); and the North Toronto Community Centre (**Bob Warren**) as we continue to represent and advocate for the interests of residents. Most recently we have representation on the Eglinton BIA and we thank them for the opportunity to participate in their street fair as well as on their Board.

With the unending efforts of **Patrick Smyth** representing us at FoNTRA and development issues, **Dorothy Smyth** in writing our articles for the North Toronto Town Crier, **Chris Gough** managing our Membership, **Betsy Kikuchie** heading our Traffic Committee, **Erika Rubin** looking after our finances and, **Rebecca Rosenberg** serving as Secretary, we have a dedicated group of individuals working together for and on behalf of the Community. We thank all for their efforts over the past year!

Often in Associations such as ARECA, membership numbers swell and shrink depending upon "issues". We are pleased to report that our membership numbers have remained stable over the past few years. This helps us as we speak to many issues/concerns for and on behalf of our members. Please make sure you renew your membership and encourage your neighbours to do the same.

I would also like to mention Councillor Karen Stintz. New to City Council this year, Councillor Stintz has made a difference with ARECA. Contacting her office always yields a timely response and she has listened to and spoken on behalf of ARECA and the Community many times. We actively supported her position of hosting a Community Meeting about the proposed "Crystal Palace" and more than 100 people attended. We worked with the Councillor about the derelict houses at Orchard View and Duplex and their demolition is imminent. On behalf of the Board we thank Councillor Stintz for her work, her willingness to listen and her attendance at several of our Board Meetings. We also thank Dan Bordonali and Andrew Bodrug two of her staff members for their diligent work. Andrew frequently attends our Board Meetings on behalf of Councillor Stintz.

In the past year we launched www.areca.info and it is our intent to keep the site current and encourage you to visit it often.

ARECA can and does make a difference.

Feel welcome to contact us at any time.

Email: information@areca.info

ARECA Financial Update

Our organization's fiscal position is sound although our limited resources require us to carefully prioritize where and how we spend money. While we have sufficient resources to carry on our activities and to focus on the highest priority issues to the community, greater financial resources would enable us to be active on a wider range of issues and to be even more effective in dealing with the issues on which we are already focusing. For that reason we are always seeking new members and would welcome any additional donations from existing members. (Please see Membership application form and return it today!)

Duplex and Orchard View soon to be safer ...

We believe that Duplex and Orchard View will soon be safer. The six derelict homes at the north-west corner that have been a great concern to people living in the area are soon to be demolished! Considerable weather damage and neglect have allowed the buildings to become sites for young people, the homeless and others, to use for their own purposes, despite the extremely hazardous and unsafe conditions of the dwellings.

City policy holds that demolition permits are not normally issued unless there is an accompanying application to build something appropriate on the land. On October 12, 2004, the North York Community Council showed vision and responsibility by voting in favour of the demolition application, despite City Staff's recommendation to refuse demolition.

This happened largely because of the ongoing leadership and efforts of Councillor Stintz and her staff who listened and responded to concerns of area residents and ARECA. Deputations from ARECA Board Members were heard by the Community Council. Gillian Jagasia spoke on behalf of the ARECA Board and Bob Warren spoke on behalf of thirty-three petitioners who live within a block of the six derelict homes. The petition of thirty-three signatories was made a part of the official record of the Council proceedings.

The next step is for this to be voted on at City Council where we anticipate it will pass. The buildings should be down before year's end.

The owner of the land has the obligation to ensure the area is maintained in a safe fashion.

**Chalk another one up for ARECA ...
we do make a difference!**

Does the Minto Construction Project have you shaking?

Many media outlets have talked about the bad vibrations coming from the construction on Yonge Street of the Minto towers.

We have reports that vibrations are being felt as far away as west of Yonge Street and north of Eglinton.

Minto has 2 contacts for claims filed against them with respect to the construction project.

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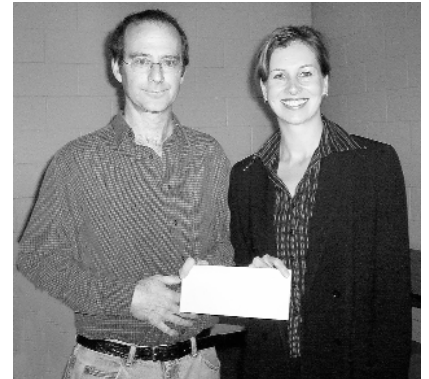
Councillor Karen Stintz Supports Her Community Associations

At the October Board Meeting Councillor Stintz attended to present ARECA with a cheque in the amount of \$600.00.

As part of a City Councillor's budget, there is money to support Community Associations on their work on behalf of their Members and the community. This is the first time ARECA recalls such money coming forward from a City Councillor.

We thank Councillor Stintz for this. It helped ensure membership dues will remain the same in 2005.

Councillor Stintz presenting cheque to ARECA President, Jim Baker.



Sssssshhhhhhhh ...

The ARECA Board has been working on the noise issue in the neighbourhood. Seems many have noticed the noise emanating from the Yonge-Eglinton area and reaching deep into the far corners of ARECA.

The noise is from cooling towers atop the Greenwin Building at 20 Eglinton West. They have now reduced the number of cooling towers in operation from 6 to 2; this is not normally done until mid-December. With the assistance of Councillor Stintz and her staff, we are pleased to report that sound barriers which should eliminate the noise problem are anticipated to be installed by mid-January, 2005.

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Thanks Eglinton BIA!

The ARECA Board thanks the Eglinton BIA for permitting us to set up a booth at their Spring Festival. We look forward to doing so again at their next event and encourage all residents within ARECA to *shop the Eglinton Way*.

One of the things we are often asked is "Who do I contact and where can I get the number and other contact information?" Listed below are some of the commonly requested numbers ...

Toronto Police Service - 53 Division:

Emergency	911
Non Emergency	416 808-2222
Crime Stoppers	416 808-222-tips
Primary Response Unit	416 808-5300
Unit Commander	416 808-5314
Community Response Unit (main Number)	416 808-5319
Community Response Unit	416 808-5354
Community Response Unit	416 808-5328
Crime Prevention Officer	416 808-5337
Community Relations Officer	416 808-5308
Traffic Response Unit	416 808-5324
Criminal Investigation Bureau	416 808-5304
Street Crime Unit	416 808-5367/5323
School Liaison Officer	416 808-5333
Major Crime	416 808-5306
Youth Bureau	416 808-5351

City of Toronto

Councillor Karen Stintz	416-392-4090	councillor_stintz@toronto.ca
		www.karenstintz.com
Mayor David Miller	416-397-2489	mayor_miller@toronto.ca
North Toronto Memorial Community Centre	416 392-6591	
Public Works		
Drains, Water, Sewers		
Spills	416 338-8888	
Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste	416 338-2010	
Roads, Sidewalks, Traffic, Snow Clearing	416 338-9999	
		www.city.toronto.ca

ARECA Membership 2005-2006

The continued strength of any organization is often measured by its numbers. More and more, decision makers ask the question "How many people do you represent?"

The ARECA Board believes the Membership Fee is affordable to our community. If you believe as hundreds of households do that ARECA must continue to be active and strong, renew or take out your Membership now!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ @ _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Membership Category and Donation Form

Household \$20.00

Senior \$10.00

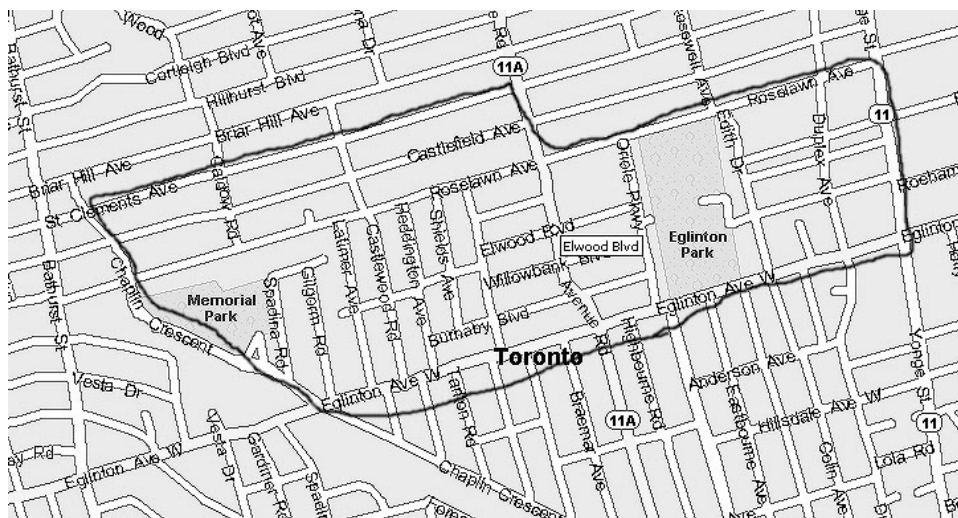
Donation \$ _____

Total _____

Method of Payment:

Cash Cheque

**Please return this form with payment
to the Annual General Meeting - Monday, November 22nd
or mail or drop off to:
ARECA, c/o 23 Elwood Blvd. Toronto, ON M4R 1B8**



**If you live within this
area, you should be
joining ARECA!**

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